

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING

American Fork State of the City

By Mayor Brad Frost

In 1675 Sir Isaac Newton wrote a letter to fellow scientist Robert Hooke explaining his role in formulating the gravitational theory. Humbly, Mr. Newton says, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." This now popular phrase has become a common metaphor for building on top of existing scientific discoveries. And in many ways, this is a perfect metaphor for my time as Mayor. If any good has happened while I have been mayor, it has come thanks to the men and women who have come before me. I want to thank the mayors, businesses, and other community members of the past. Thanks

to them, as well as many other great people alive today, great things have and are happening in American Fork City. Let me tell you about a few.



Road Construction

This year we will see the most significant investment in roads to date. Between overlays and full reconstructions, we plan to improve approximately five million sq ft of roadway. This will be incredible but may come at an inconvenience to some. I ask residents to recognize that when you see cones, construction signs, and detours, that means we are making progress on the number one priority: roads.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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The 200 South project by the Front Runner Station will reconstruct 200 South and include portions with two travel lanes in each direction and a roundabout to improve flow at Frontage Road. Major utility improvements will also be included, in addition to sidewalks, trees and landscaping, and a multi-use trail for pedestrians and bikers extending the entire length. We anticipate starting construction in Spring of 2023 and finishing in the later end of 2024.

The 700 North project plan is to connect 700 North between 100 East to 200 East. Because this east-west corridor is of regional importance we have been able to obtain funding from the Mountainland Association of Governments to complete this project. There will be a signal installed at 100 East and a roundabout will be constructed at 200 East. This important connection will improve east-west mobility and increase the safety of school travel along 700 North and nearby streets. This project is currently in the design phase and once construction begins should take 18 to 24 months to complete.



Water Conservation

As of mid-January, Snowbird & Timpanogos Basins have an average of 230% above normal for snow pack. This is terrific news as this water will be used to recharge our aquifer. We also anticipate some of it will make its way to Utah Lake through our river. I once again thank those in our community who answered the call to conserve water last summer. Since 2020 our residents have conserved over 2 billion gallons of water!

The City is well underway with our PI meter installation project, which will have dramatic results in reducing water consumption. As a

city we were able to pay for this \$12 million dollar project almost exclusively with grants. So far, we've been able to install over 3,000 meters in the northern third of the city and will continue through the remainder of the city over the next few years.



Fiber

We are excited about our partnership with Strata Networks to provide high speed internet to all residents in our community. American Fork will own the network, Strata will maintain it, ISPs will provide service, and residents will benefit. Only residents who want the service will pay for it and ISPs are not obligated to join if they do not want to. We are currently working with Strata to design the network

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Public Safety

Last year our police department responded to 26,600 calls for service, which amounts to 1,000 calls per officer. These calls require our officers to be prepared for every scenario. In 2022 members of our police department participated in over forty different trainings. This thoroughness of preparation should tell everyone that our police officers are invested in their job and community.

The Fire & Rescue Department responded to 4,722 calls for service and conducted over 5,000 man hours of training. They are community members as well, participating in 190 educational events which allowed them to interact with 15,121 individuals.

The Fire Department maintained our ISO rating of 2, a rating that only 7% of cities nationally accomplish. This means we are a really safe community when it comes to fires. Hopefully, this also means our homeowners insurance is lower than it would otherwise be without such a great rating.

Station 52 is currently under construction in the Northeast part of town. This facility will be 16,500 sq ft and will house three apparatus bays, dorms for six firefighters, a training room, a kitchen and outdoor cooking patio, and a fitness room. In addition, the AFPD will have two offices and an interview room as well as a shooting range.



Financial Responsibility

As mayor of American Fork, I feel it is important to be the very best steward of our taxpayer's dollars. Waste is unacceptable and we need to try our hardest to be as efficient and as lean as possible. As someone that sees

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Spring Sports Registration

Spring youth sports registration is open!

The deadline to sign up for soccer is **February 22, 2023**. Baseball and softball registration is open until March 1st.

For more information and to register, go to americanfork.gov/recreation.



American Fork City provides a convenient way to know what's happening, when it's happening! Sign up to receive a text/email from AF Notify to stay informed about City news, library and recreation programs, roadwork projects, public meetings, and Steel Days events.

AF Notify is also the City's notification system to communicate with residents in the event of an emergency.

Sign Up for AF Notify at:

americanfork.gov/NOTIFY

**APPLICATIONS
ARE NOW
OPEN**

**APPLY BY
FEB 24**

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Feb. 14th, 2023
Valentine Dinner Dance

Live Music by the Wasatch Show Band - Professional dance lesson included
Optional VIP dinner professionally catered by Marvellous Catering
Visit our website for more information!

Tickets available online only
www.WasatchShowBand.com

   

WASATCH MUSIC ALLIANCE
PRESENTS


**WASATCH WINDS
SYMPHONIC BAND**

**Beethoven
& Friends**

Under the direction of
John Miller & Randall Brady

**MON, FEB 27, 2023
7PM AMERICAN FORK HS**

TICKET PRICING
FREE with suggested donation of
\$5 per person,
\$15 per immediate family





AMERICAN FORK FIBER NETWORK



You may have heard about the Fiber Network that is coming to American Fork City. Here are some important things to know:

American Fork City is partnering with Strata Networks, a local telecommunications cooperative, to bring our residents and businesses a citywide, open-access fiber network, that is reliable, fast and affordable. American Fork City will own the network, Strata will maintain it, ISPs (internet service providers) will provide the service, and residents and business owners will benefit.

What is Fiber?

Fiber internet is a broadband connection that uses fiber-optic cable to send data using light waves. Fiber-optic cables allow for more bandwidth capacity and carry light to transmit data.

Fiber is fast

Fiber-optic cable connection means signals can be carried at nearly the speed of light, much faster than traditional copper cables.

We expect you will enjoy symmetrical speeds (uploads and downloads) from 250 megabytes per second to 10 gigabytes per second.

Fiber is reliable

Fiber is more reliable than other network options. Because it does not carry electric current, fiber-optic cables are not bothered by electromagnetic interference that can inter-

rupt data transmission. It is also less prone to reliability issues related to temperature changes, severe weather, and moisture.

Fiber is affordable

With the introduction of this citywide network, residents and businesses can enjoy multiple internet options that will compete in a true market for their business. The competitive market will help improve pricing.

Fiber is coming!

Pre-register your address for the Fiber Network for no cost and no commitment today and no cost when Fiber is installed.

Pre-registering let's us gauge the amount of interest in having your location connected to fiber internet and is one of the factors that will influence where we first choose to start building the network.

More information can be found about the Fiber Network at americanfork.gov/FIBER.

**Pre-register your address at:
americanfork.fibertomycity.com**



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Fiber is tough

Fiber is thinner and sturdier than copper cables which means it can withstand more pull pressure and is less prone to damage. This

FEbruary 2023 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Date & Time	Event & Location	Details
February 1-28	Adventure in Books - Library	Timpanogos Visual Arts Show
February 2; 7pm	Valentines Charcuterie Class - Library Community Room	Learn the basics of food selection, folding salami, cheese cutting, and creating a board.
February 14; 7pm	City Council meeting - Historic City Hall	See the agenda at: americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center .
February 20	President's Day	City offices closed. Library closed.
February 24	PARC application deadline	Applications due by 7pm. www.afparc.org
February 25; 11am	Gen Z Generosity Service Club - Library Teen Zone	Teens help assemble Literacy Activity Kits for children, provided by United Way.
February 27; 9am	Proper Tea Tickets open up for the March 25th event	Tickets available through aflibrary.eventbrite.com . Tea will feature author Esther Hatch.
February 27; 11am	Special Storytime - Library Children's Activity Room	Storytime with Utah's Miss Zion, Gabriela Ulloa.
February 27; 7pm	Beethoven & Friends - American Fork High School	Wasatch Winds Symphonic Band concert. Free with suggested donation of \$5 per person.
February 28; 7pm	City Council meeting - Historic City Hall	See the agenda at: americanfork.gov/Agenda-Center .
March 6; 7pm	30th Anniversary Concert - AF Jr High	AF Symphony anniversary concert. Tickets at taftix.com

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the day-to-day operations, I feel we are running lean and efficient, with plans to be even better. 'Do More with Less' is our proverbial mantra within our City.



Growth

You won't be surprised to hear that we are still a growing city. Last year we conducted 30,686 inspections, which equates to about 5,000 inspections per inspector. I hope that tells you how seriously we take development in our city. It's important for us to make sure buildings in American Fork are safe to live and work in and are built to follow all required construction standards.



Social Infrastructure

We were able to open a much needed three-acre dog park at Art Dye. This dog park has grass fields, a wooded area, an obstacle course, and a quarter mile path.

With the PARC tax program, we are also excited to announce an additional six lighted pickleball courts at Hindley Park coming this summer.

The Library recently celebrated its 100 year anniversary. With over 200,000 visitors in

2022, patrons enjoyed the physical books and materials and electronic items in circulation. The library also offered 631 programs to our community including board games, internet access, learning kits, ESL classes, and many other resources. Our library was also one of only a few libraries in the state last year to receive the Quality Library award for going above and beyond a library's basic services. We truly have a great library and library staff.

Lastly our recreation programs and fitness center continue to steadily increase in activity. We offer year-round recreational programs, the most popular of which is our youth basketball program which had 1,925 participants last year on 228 teams. With all this additional growth and demand on our fitness center we are exploring facility options that will allow us to service our growing community.

Conclusion

We have done great things this last year and plan to do many other great things in the future. While I am grateful to be able to witness all these improvements, I recognize that they are modest additions to a great city that is been constructed, brick by brick, road by road, by the many great leaders before me. As I look to the future, I am excited about what I see.

This is an excerpt from the full address that was delivered to the Chamber of Commerce in January 2023. To read the entire State of the City address, visit the city's website at americanfork.gov.

Read the full address at:
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UTAH VALLEY

JOB FAIR



Tuesday
March 21, 2023
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Utah Valley
Convention Center
220 W. Center St.
Provo, UT

• Like our Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/UtahValleyJobFair>
• RSVP that you're attending and to win prizes on our events page at: <https://fb.me/e/27zhxnN>

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